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Letter dated 26 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the European Union I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration by the European Union on Guinea-Bissau, issued on 22 July 1994 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 103 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Gerhard HENZE

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ANNEX

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Statement on the elections in Guinea-Bissau issued on 22 July 1994 on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency

The European Union welcomes the holding of the first multi-party elections in Guinea-Bissau, which were considered by the United Nations and international observers as transparent, free and fair, and expresses satisfaction at the maturity shown by its people in this first exercise of democracy.

The European Union appeals to all political parties to accept the official results as announced by the National Electoral Commission and to engage fully and constructively in the consolidation of democracy as an indispensable basis for political, social and economic development.

The European Union expresses its confidence that the second round of presidential elections will, once again, reflect the will of the people of Guinea-Bissau for a peaceful and complete transition towards democracy.